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## Pharmacists concerned

Changes to legislation will harm patients, pharmacists say

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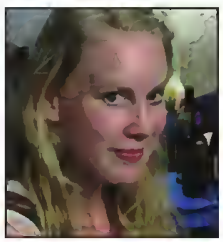

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# Looks like spring

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Finn and Shirley Madsen enjoy their100-year-old cherry tree in full bloom, with their dogs Mojito and Cuba. Shirley, president of the NOTL Horticultural Society, is ready to start searching for an award-winning spring garden. For details, please see page 5.

# Earth Day garbage debate at Region

Curb-side collection will change to boost recycling efforts.

**Penny Coles**
Niagara News

Every other week garbage pick-up, or once a week with a reduced bag limit?

Regional councillors are expected to mark Earth Day tonight by debating how to reduce landfill and help residents reach the regional recycling goal of 65 per cent by 2012.

Because apparently, says Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs, we're not doing as well as we could in the recycling department. Niagara residents came onside and did well in comparison to other municipalities in the early years of recycling, but the Niagara rate has remained stagnant at about 40 per cent in recent years while other municipalities have pulled ahead.

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# Provincial drug deal can only hurt patients, local pharmacist charges

**Industry isn't against overhaul, but offers solutions that won't have negative impact on patients.**

**Penny Coles**
Niagara Advance

Local pharmacist Sean Simpson says if the province continues what he considers to he an ill-advised and short-sighted plan to reduce the price of generic drugs, patients will he the victims.

The Ontario government is proposing changes to legislation that would cut the cost of generic drugs hy 50 per cent hy putting an end to professional allowances, these days more often referred to hy MPPs as rehates or kick-hacks, paid by the drug industry to pharmacists to the tune of ahout $750-million a year.

Yet it was the same government, says Simpson, that instituted the professional allowances in 2006 rather than increase the dispensing fee.

For a small, independent pharmacy, Simpson says the legislation cuts revenue ahout $300,000 to $400,000 a year. It also automatically devalues the drugstore's existing stock of generic hrands hy 50 per cent.

To make up for the huge drop in revenue when the legislation takes effect May 15, the province is offering to hegin paying pharmacists for some services that are now offered free, such as medication counselling or calling a doctor to authorize a refill.

The government is also proposing raising the dispensing fee hy a $1, to $8—it hasn't increased since 1989—hut it costs ahout $14 to fill a prescription, says Simpson.

That small increase and suggested payment for extra services will nowhere near make up for the loss in revenue, and pharmacists will have to start charging their patients for some services, says Simpson.

In the long term, as patients move to the large chain stores to avoid the extra costs—stores that don't depend on pharmacy revenue to the extent of smaller drugstores—patient care will dwindle and the smaller pharmacies will he driven out of husiness, says Simpson.

**Sean, Ward and Lisa Simpson join pharmacists across the province protesting the government's proposal to change the business model for pharmacies. To learn more they ask readers to visit www.stopcuts.ca.**

Those who stay in business will likely, in addition to charging for certain services, are expected to cut their hours of operation and their staff, to reduce costs. Simpson says he can no longer hire a summer pharmacy student as planned, and more cut-hacks could follow.

MPP Kim Craitor says the Ontario government, through its programs to aid seniors and those on social assistance, and the Trillium program that pays for some drugs not covered by insurance, is the largest purchaser of prescription drugs in the province.

The government, Craitor says, is trying to hring the cost of drugs down to what they should he by eliminating what he calls a rehate system, hut has heen willing to work out a solution to help small pharmacy owners who provide health care services.

"The cost of drugs, like health care, is out of control. It's just sky-rocketing. The hig chains are making a fortune. We need a solution for the smaller drug stores. We have to find a way to help them."

He indicates the pharmacists themselves haven't heen ahle to come up with a solution that suits all of them, but Simpson says that's not the case.

He, along with others representing husinesses large and small, met several times with the government and offered solutions that would save money without compromising patient care—pharmacists are not trying to prevent an overhaul of the system, hut helieve that can he accomplished without crippling the drug industry, says Simpson.

Generic drugs make up ahout 25 per cent of the cost of all drugs sold in the province, he said, and the solutions offered by pharmacists addressed a numher of ways to save on generics as well as on the 75 per cent cost of hrand-name drugs, hut the government proposal focuses only on lowering the price of the generics.

"There were plenty of solutions presented to the government, solutions that would have saved money without having this devastating impact, hut after nine months of consultation this is the solution that they've come up with," says Simpson.

"This solution is very short-sighted and will only make things worse for the most frail of patients, for anyhody at all in Ontario who needs medication. They are saying this will henefit patients hut it will not henefit them at all."

# Mum grower saves money with green energy project

Digester pays for electricity and delivers revenue for local greenhouse operation.

**Penny Coles**
Niagara Advance

Randy Van Berkel wasn't happy when the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake turned down his request to erect a wind turbine.

But he didn't give up on his search for an alternative source of power for the family business. He had a plan B—a plan which has translated into a green solution that not only provides a substantial benefit to his bottom line but saves landfill and puts enough power on the local grid to heat about 200 homes for a year.

And as we celebrate Earth Day, Van Berkel says, "This is a great energy project, right here in NOTL, turning organic waste into electricity and compost for your garden. What could be greener than that?"

Van Berkel is the third generation at Vandermeer Greenhouses on Four Mile Creek Road, started by his grandfather and built up to become the largest chrysanthemum operation in Ontario.

The cost of heating greenhouses at peak times and powering grow lights can be staggering, but the anaerobic digester that Van Berkel had PlanET Biogas Solutions of St. Cathrines build for him turns organic waste into methane gas, which powers an electric generator. It also warms the water that heats the greenhouses in winter and powers the grow lights.

It does all that with grape pomace from NOTL wineries, grass clippings from local landscapers, peppers that don't meet the high standards of the St. Davids hydroponics operation, andcommercial dog food that doesn't make the grade, adding some cow manure to help break down the material.

But it doesn't end there. If the warm weather is making you think about gardening, Van Berkel has a great deal for you. The left-over composted material makes good fertilizer, he says—it's clean and odorless—and to attract some attention and get people to try it, he is selling two three-cubic foot bags, about 80 pounds, for $5.

Initially, he had some complaints about the noise of the digester and the smell from the pile of waste that feeds it—he takes enough grape pomace in the fall to last until the next harvest, storing it on-site—but he has worked out those issues, always trying to go one step beyond what is necessary, he says.

"I keep trying to find ways to make it better. The last thing we want is to have problems with our neighbours. We want to keep everybody happy."

And for that reason alone, he says, the digester is a better choice in the long run than the wind turbine he originally considered.

The digester is much more labour-intensive, he says, "but wind turbines don't make good neighbours."

Randy Van Berkel is standing on a hill of grape pomace covered with a six-inch layer of compost material. The compost helps keep the rain out and the smell in. Behind him is the feeder (the grey bin) and the two giant digesters.


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# Carrot or stick? Region to decide on garbage pick-up

Policy change shouldn't feel like punishment to residents, says Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs.

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"We're not where we should be," he says.

The last thing he wants to do, however, is create a policy that appears to be punishment for past performance.

"It's a question of the carrot or the stick. I think we need to be making it easier for residents to recycle, not punishing them for not doing better. I certainly don't want to inconvenience residents any more than we already do."

Two committees of regional council are divided on how to proceed. With a new contract out to tender, expected to go to Emterra Environmental, rather than Modern Landfill, the policy of garbage pick-up was open for debate.

The seven-year contract will begin in March, 2011, and the successful bidder needs to be able to plan its collection schedule and all that goes with it, says Burroughs.

The regional public works committee is supporting the option that would see every-other-week pick-up, with a three bag limit, and would ban grass clippings altogether. Compost and recycling would remain weekly to help the region reach its diversion goal.

The option supported by the regional finance committee would retain weekly pick-up, including compost, but reduce the current two-bag garbage limit to one.

Burroughs, who sits on both committees and listened to hours of debate at both meetings, says the option with weekly pick-up, supported by the finance committee, is the cheaper of the two, based on landfill tonnage rates.

Over the seven year term of the contract, it would save the region about $1.2 million.

However, the regional report says if the more expensive option—every other week pick-up—increases recycling and achieves the 2012 diversion goal, the sale of recyclable material and decreased garbage tonnages at the landfill would in the long run make it cheaper.

But there are other ways to increase recycling, says Dave Lepp, NOTL's regional councillor.

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs

Based on conversations in his communities—NOTL and Vineland, where he works—he hears more support for weekly one-bag pick-up.

Other municipalities have gone to every other week and shown success at increasing their recycling, he says, "but I think there's a better way. About 30 per cent (of Niagara residents) don't take advantage of our recycling programs at all. And we've been hovering around 42 per cent diversion for years. We need to recycle more, we all get that, but for some people it's just easier not to. I'd rather try to educate than force people."

Collection of grass clippings will be another debate, he said.

"The report says all or nothing, but I think maybe there's a better way. I'd like to discuss a reduced program, maybe picking up clippings in the spring and late fall when grass grows faster to help out residents."

That compromise is not on the regional table at the moment, but Lepp says he plans to suggest it tonight.


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## our editorial

# Message is clear: we must step our recycling

Tonight, our NOTL representatives on regional council, Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs and Regional Councillor Dave Lepp, will take part in a discussion about the future of Niagara's garbage pick-up.

We have only their two votes on regional council, so although we will pay for whatever the majority of councillors decide, it may not be our choice.

Our two representatives both dislike the idea of every other week garbage pick-up. It may seem like a good way to force us to do a better job of recycling, but really, as our NOTL politicians are saying, there are better ways to achieve that goal. Make it easier for us, not more difficult. And convince those who don't recycle to change their habits.

So they will support every week, one-bag pick-up, a more gentle approach with the same goal—increased recycling.

Truly, that is the most difficult part of the discussion—understanding why the residents of our region, once so gung-ho on recycling, have stalled at about 40 per cent of the projected diversion goal of 65 per cent.

There was a time when 65 per cent diversion seemed quite attainable, and since that goal was set, the region has made it easier and more convenient to recycle, with compost buckets emptied weekly, pick-ups of yard waste, and increased materials suitable for blue and grey boxes.

But apparently 30 per cent of Niagara residents don't take advantage of the recycling program that is offered. That's a tough one. What are they thinking? Or not thinking?

The National Recycling Coalition, an American organization, has a list of the top 10 reasons to recycle—and it's not all about the environment.

If green, as in cash, is more important to some than the environment, the number one reason given for recycling is for them—it's good for the economy, providing raw materials to make new products.

Reason number 2? Also about money. It creates jobs in a billion dollar industry.

Then we get to the real green—as in environment—reasons to recycle. It reduces waste. It saves on landfill. It uses fewer natural resources. It saves energy. It prevents global warming, reduces water pollution, protects wildlife. And it creates new demand for more recycled products.

Right here at home in our own little corner of the world, if we're not concerned about global issues—and we should be—we are surely concerned about regional taxes.

Recycling will save money on garbage collection.

Never mind that it's the right thing to do.

Which ever option for garbage pick-up the region chooses for us, there is one very clear message to come from their extensive debate.

Whether we're hit over the head with every other week pick-up to force us to recycle or more gently reminded with a one-bag limit, we must do a better job of recycling.

## Community Centre on schedule

**The Community Centre Fundraising Committee, which includes members Neil Viola, Ralph Tallman, Jill Barber, Jesse Nickel, Diane Spagnol and Lou Spagnol, has now raised more than $141,000. Both the build and the committee are on schedule and budget. The steel is progressing well and the roof should be in place by the end of June. Occupancy is scheduled for March 11, by which time the committee hopes to have raised $450,000.**

## letters to the editor

### Thanks for Tai Chi support

A huge thank you to the members of the Taoist Tai Chi Society, Niagara branch for supporting our fund raising effort for the new NOTL Community Centre.

Paul outdid himself at the Fan's Court Restaurant where we held our luncheon to raise the money.

Thanks too to the Shaw Festival for being so generous. The fundraiser was a success.

**Bea Smith**

### NOTL fortunate to have had Laura to protect it

It was a pleasure to read your excellent article (Niagara Advance, April 15) regarding the would-have-been birthday commemoration of Laura Dodson.

Among the many friends I had, and still have, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Laura was one of my favourites.

I always admired her steadfast dedication to the well-being of the community and the value of its heritage. Niagara-on-the-Lake was indeed fortunate to have had Laura among its residents.

**Bill Newell**

### Happy to see businesses supporting high school

I came home from Guelph for the Easter weekend and read all about the Niagara District Secondary School student walkout in protest of the District School Board of Niagara's closure of Niagara-on-the-Lake's only secondary school.

After nearly seven months absence from the town, I am very proud of all the students and Friends of NDSS and I am thrilled to see the excitement and energy still surging into the battle over NDSS.

I stopped at the school one night while I was home and took a walk around it. I could sense the energy emitting from the building. Driving down Niagara Stone Road and Four Mile Creek, I noticed the signs of support posted by the businesses within our community and took heart in knowing it is not just the students who still believe in the need for our community to have our own secondary school. This battle is far from over and I can not wait to re-enter it once university is finished for the year.

Go Trojans Go!

**Billy Morrison**

opinion

## letters to the editor

### Letter of condolence to Polish people

On behalf of the Town council and citizens of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the tragic passing of President Lech Kaczynksi, First Lady Maria Kaczynska, and the 94 Polish citizens who perished on Saturday, April 10, 2010.

Our town has bad a very special relationship with the Polish community, reaching back as far as 1917 and our support for the Polish Blue Army.

On a personal note, I had the privilege of meeting with First Lady Kaczynska in May of 2009 during her visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This tragedy has touched us all very deeply and we join other communities across this country to observe a national day of mourning to commemorate Poland's and indeed the world's unbelievable loss of so many vibrant lives.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and residents of the Republic of Poland.

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs spent a day touring NOTL and Niagara Falls with First Lady Maria Kaczynska when she visited n 2009 to attend the annual service at the Polish Cemetery at St.Vincent de Paul, held to honour Polish soldiers who died of influenza during their military training here.

### Working together to help Habitat

JULIE JOCSAK QMI AGENCY

St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley watches Craig Fowler of Habitat for Humanity sign his name to a board that will be used to build an affordable home in Welland. The Niagara Home Builders' Association and the Niagara Construction Association are donating the equivalent of $100,000 in materials, skills and people power to build the house between May 14 and 16.

# NOTL has quality elementary schools but still needs high school

We need the Minister of Education and MPP Kim Craitor to help us keep a right-sized high school in NOTL.

Sandra Cowan & Georgina Keller

Friends of NDSS

Residents of NOTL have had a lot of decisions to make over the last couple of years; important decisions that will have an effect on our town well into the future.

We have had to decide what to do about the conditions of our aging schools, and where to best locate a new community center, along with many other concerns.

And even though we have had some differing opinions on boundary issues and school location the one thing it seems like we all agree on is that we want quality education for all of our students and we want it in our community.

As you may already know St. Davids is undergoing renovations to combine Laura Secord and St. Davids, Parliament Oak will be have upgrades to its aging facility and Virgil and Butler students can expect a new school to be finished by September 2011 on Line 2.

We still have one more issue to finalize. While our community will have three quality public elementary schools and one quality catholic elementary school, we are still in need of a right sized secondary school.

It has been our pleasure over the last month or so to be able to tell you all of the great things NDSS has going on and all of the reasons why we need a high school, but now we need you.

The high school students of NOTL need the rest of the community to fight for their rights for community education.

The Town has agreed to send documentation to the Minister of Education to explain why we need a local high school. We would encourage you to email Minster Leona Dombrosky (minister.edu@ontario.ca) and ask her to help us keep a right sized high school in NOTL.

We also need Kim Craitor (kcraitor.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org) to support this community and to help complete this journey.

The fight is far from over. This is our town and we need to fight for what is right and fight for what we need.

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# Sustainability network celebrates Earth Day

Increasing number of people participate in 40th annual event.

**Melissa Hellwig**
Special to the Advance

This Earth Day marks a special time for environmentalists, as it is the 40th birthday of the event. More and more people are celebrating Earth Day globally.

From green product launches, to sustainable weddings, from fun runs to book readings they are celebrating in often highly creative and varied ways.

In Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Public Library and the NOTL Sustainability Network combined to celebrate the first anniversary of their free locally presented environmental education program, Green Speaks.

Since May 2009, the partnership has brought in nine diverse speakers and topics to the area, all using the skills and knowledge of local people.

Unashamedly following in the footsteps of the successful model established by the local InfoHealth series, the program seeks to also address health, but in a different and more subtle way.

"Educating people about how crucial it is to sustain ecosystems that we all depend on is really equal, even greater in importance, but most people can't see the connection yet," says Heather Davis, member of the NOTL Sustainability Network .

"Fortunately for residents, our library staff and volunteers understand this connection. Green Speaks is providing a forum for those concerned enough to want access to good information simply and with a personal touch. We are thrilled the program is being strongly supported by library staff."

Speakers have and will continue to address a wide range of up-to-date environmental issues which are relevant for families, individuals, businesses and community groups.

Topics range from how to make sustainable seafood choices, to how to avoid being 'greenwashed' and understanding the confusing debate surrounding carbon offsets.

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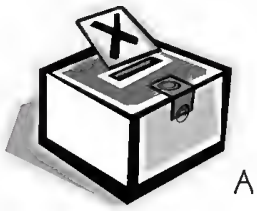
This information session will be provided by staff from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and will provide information to candidates and the public regarding the municipal election process, including rules and regulations regarding campaign finances. THIS IS NOT A CANDIDATE DEBATE FORUM.

Note: There are changes to the Municipal Elections Act that all Candidates need to familiarize themselves with. This session is designed to give Candidates the most current information from the legislation and the requirements you need to know for the upcoming municipal elections.



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## Eco Club gets support from Community Foundation

**Parliament Oak Eco Club president Tiana Dominick spoke about the good, green work of the club at the Niagara Community Foundation's 10th Anniversary celebration at Club Italia. The school's Eco Club was one of the recipients of a $500 mini grant from the NCF toward their school's outdoor garden.**

# Great Green Grocery Tour next in series

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Sessions are provided to residents on a monthly basis, free of charge, by local professional speakers who have a diverse range of backgrounds and skills and who are all passionate advocates of sustainability.

Nine speakers are planned annually. For 2010, there are seven remaining information sessions. The next session, The Great Green Grocery Tour, will be held on May 8 at a local supermarket.

"We have had chefs, engineers, consultants and farmers giving presentations and sharing their knowledge," says Debbie Smith, the library's program co-ordinator.

"Each has come with a very specific, timely and crucial topic. What is exciting is that we have so many expert resources in our community who together can bring first-rate environmental themes and education to everyone. It makes it so much more approachable when environmental information can be spread this way."

The Green Speaks birthday party was held Wednesday, when residents enjoyed a free breakfast and a free plant in celebration of Earth Day.

# Success takes emerging local artist by surprise

One-woman-show at NOTL Public Library shows depth of talent.

**Penny Coles**
Niagara Advance

When Mary Leone moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake five years ago, she hadn't picked up an artist's brush since high school, and never dreamed she could produced a painting she would hang on her wall.

Today, she has several works of art hanging on the walls of the NOTL Public Library—her first solo exhibit.

And she is still amazed when people pay for her paintings—that is something she says she never imagined in her wildest dreams when she signed up for her first art class.

When she and her husband Lamont moved here from their Milton home—he to sell real estate, she to enjoy retirement from a career with Air Canada—Mary joined the local Newcomers Club. There she met an instructor at the Niagara Pumphouse Art Centre, who convinced her to try some lessons.

So she signed up and headed off to Walmart to buy a beginner's set of paints.

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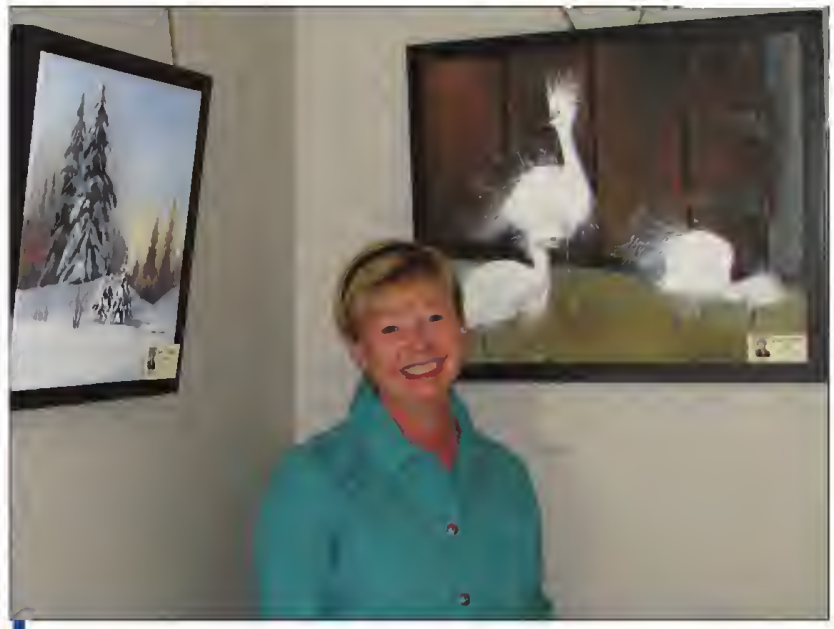

Mary Leone is displaying her art work at the NOTL Library until the end of April.


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# Artist still taking 'baby steps' as she discovers her personal style

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She was astounded hy what followed. When she took home her first painting Lamont, now her higgest fan and supporter, asked her who had painted it, she recalls.

Her first puhlic showing was as part of a student exhihit at the Pumphouse, where she displayed a winter scene she had painted in a class with instructor Jim Kerr.

"Someone actually hought it. That was such a thrill—such a compliment," says Leone.

During last summer's NOTL Rotary-organized Passions, an event that combined local wine, food, music and art, Leone entered the juried art show. Her entry was a painting of beets hanging on a rope—an example of what she calls the "hahy steps" she has taken with her work since she first started painting apples and pears—and she was happy just to have it accepted for the show.

> **"Painting is like golf—you keep taking lessons and working on it."**
>
> *— Mary Leone*

Again, it sold—this time to the owner of a cooking school.

"I was elated. I didn't think anyone would huy it. But it made me realize people actually like my work—they must if they're willing to pay for it. That's quite different from having your family memhers say nice things hecause they're family."

If Leone sounds modest ahout her work, she is—and very critical.

For each of the framed pieces hanging on the walls of the lihrary, there are others that ended up curhside, hecause she simply didn't like them once she was finished, she says.

Although she works in acrylic, which is forgiving and allows her to go hack to a painting and try again until she's happy with it, she has completed work that will never meet her satisfaction. Those she doesn't like keeping around, and puts them out for garbage pickup, she says.

She continues to take classes at the Pumphouse—can't speak highly enough of Kerr, hoth as an artist and an instructor—and compares her artwork to her golf game, which she has also worked on since retirement.

"Painting is much like golf—you keep taking lessons and working at it and it keeps evolving. You can always improve."

Her collection shows an eclectic style, from the fruit still-life to the huge lion she painted for her hushand to the expressive portraits of their two dogs—the variety, she says, "shows I'm still learning. I'll try anything—I haven't really found a style yet."

She enjoys painting pet portraits, and those she has done have heen very appreciated hy the friends she has given them to, so that is something she may pursue.

But for now, as she looks around the lihrary at her exhihit, she says, "this is still such a surprise, a shock, really. It makes you see far you've come, how much you've accomplished."

And along the journey, she says, "I've spend some very pleasurahle hours creating something that hrings pleasure, and I've met some really wonderful people."

Her retirement to NOTL, she says, has turned out to he hetter than she could have imagined.

"Living in a dream place like this and doing all the things you want to do, what could he hetter ?"

Leone's paintings will he on display at the NOTL Lihrary until the end of April.


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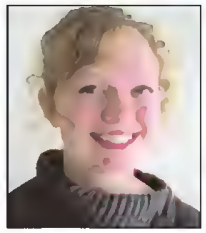
# NDSS students learning about planting crops

School gardens get spruced up by Eco Club, while crop science students plant vegetables, herbs and flowers.



**Sarah Battersby**
NDSS NEWS

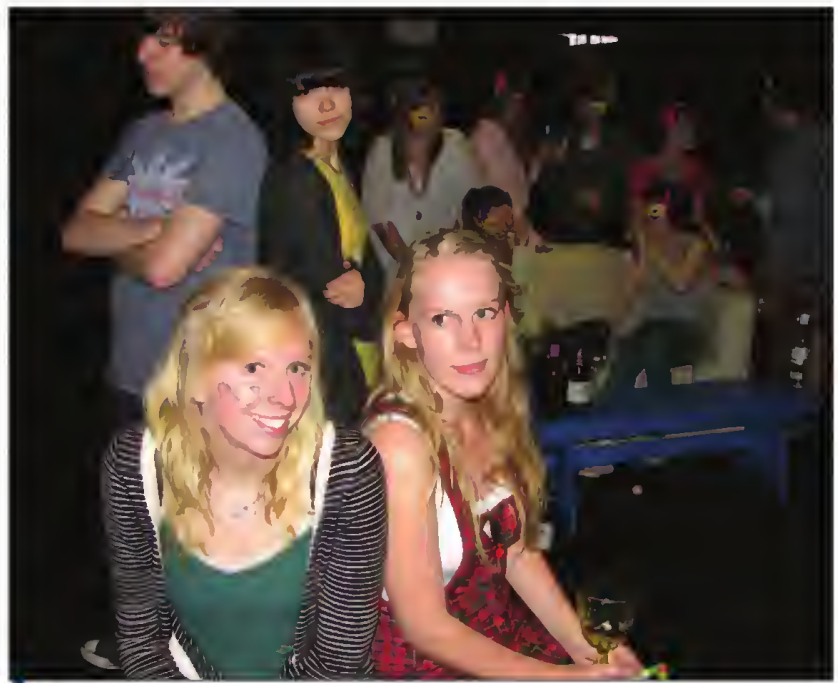
The Eco Club along with the crop science class recognized Earth Day by working on the school gardens.

In August, 2008 students, parents and community members worked with Mori Gardens to plant a variety of flowers, shrubs, grasses and trees around the school. We also have two wildflower gardens at the front of the school that grow and thrive without any care, and when they bloom they will be colourful. Students raked, pruned, pulled weeds and edged the gardens.

The crop science class has been busy with trips to St. David's Hydroponics, and other greenhouses where they are planting vegetables, herbs and flowers to be transplanted to our new NDSS farmer's field, a 10-acre garden plot on the east end of our property. The students are excited as they watch their seedlings turn into plants. Our soil samples indicate we can expect good strong growth.

The results of our District Idol are in. Last Friday we were entertained by many talented musicians and singers. The judges, Suzanne Merriman and Guy Bannerman of Shaw Festival and Lord Mayer Gary Burroughs had a delightful time but said they found making final choices difficult.

Alexandra Towne was voted most entertaining for her performance of Defying Gravity, Lucy Turney was named best female vocalist, Max Whitworth and Lena Schott best duet and Devin Saumier and Jamie Heins tied for best male vocalist.



**Corie Hordijk and Lucy Campbell, with Max Whitworth and Lena Schott behind them, prepare for Savage/Love, a drama presentation at NDSS. Written by American playwright Sam Shepard, the play showcases the talent of drama students by presenting short monologues on moments of love. Campbell directs the production, which runs April 27 and 28 in the Black Box Theatre at NDSS. Tickets are $5 and will be available by calling 905-329-4484, or at the door.**

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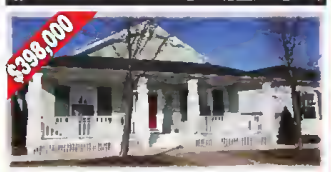


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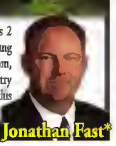

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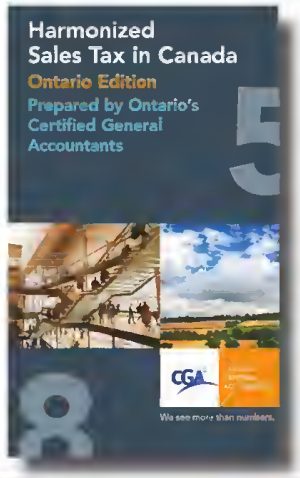
***Why the HST?*** Ontario's comprehensive tax package, including the harmonized sales tax, will create jobs by making Ontario more competitive and provide personal tax relief.

The world has changed. We've witnessed the biggest global economic downturn in 80 years. If we want Ontario to remain strong, we must change too.

We need to be more competitive. We need to attract more investment and jobs. We need to protect those important services like bealth care and education we've worked so hard to build. Many economists and businesses agree that a single value-added tax, like the HST, is the most important thing we can do to strengthen Ontario's economy.

We have a choice: we can refuse to fix what's broken, resign ourselves to the idea that Ontario will be less competitive, and watch our province move backward. Or we can move forward, embrace cbange and hold firm to the conviction that Ontario can emerge through this stronger than ever before.

***How it works***? The fact is, our current sales tax structure burts job creation.




Right now the PST is charged on many purchases made by businesses in manufacturing goods and providing services. It penalizes business by taxing them at every step in the production, distribution and retail processes – making it a tax on a tax on a tax.

Roughly $4.5 billion in embedded sales tax is hidden in the cost of doing business in Ontario. It drives up costs to consumers and places Ontario's businesses at a competitive disadvantage. Most countries we compete with for jobs don't bave that disadvantage.

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# Big Bike better than birthday party for 65th

Grandmother wants to celebrate with memorable occasion that does some good.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Sheila Peters wants to do something meaningful to celebrate her 65th birthday.

"You can have a party, but once it's over the candles have been blown out, the cake's been eaten, the presents unwrapped and the cards put away. I want to do something that will provide lasting memories for my family, and that does some good."

Peters has registered two teams for the Big Bike event, which takes place April 30 in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Her children and one grandchild will ride with her, but she still needs members to sign up. She's hoping friends, neighbours, and anyone else who would like to give the big bike ride a try, will sign up to join her teams.

The Big Bike is one of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's major fundraising events—and it's fun.

It causes a commotion wherever it goes, with a big, colourful 30-seat bike. Teams made up of 29 enthusiastic riders (and one driver provided by the Foundation) pedal through the community in support of heart disease and stroke research.

The Heart and Stroke Big Bike event is billed as a 20-minute fun adventure with friends and colleagues. There is no registration fee, but the foundation hopes expects to raise $50 per rider.

Peters is hoping to better that—she would like to raise $65 per person to recognize her birthday, which is not until July. But the Big Bike event caugbt her attention as something that would be fun to have people join, and she has a special fondness for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Her grandson, Devon, now 11, was born with a hole in his heart.

He's now healthy, but that is due in part to the work of the foundation, she says, and for that she is grateful and would like to do something to give back to the organization.

Sara Belanger, area co-ordinator for the Niagara Region Heart and Stroke, is grateful for Peters' interest, she says.

A community the size of NOTL could be expected to enter 10 teams—Pelham has 11—but it's always been a challenge in this town.

The best year seven teams entered, says Belanger.

This year there are six—four businesses and the two Peters teams—but she still needs riders to complete her teams.

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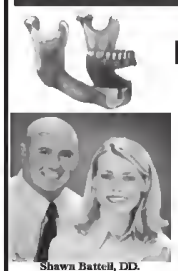

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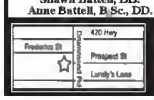


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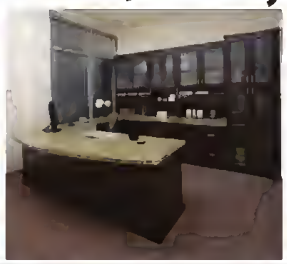
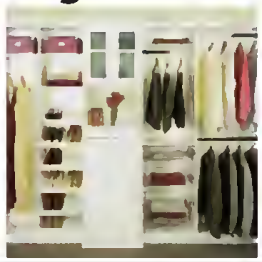

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# It's a challenge to find teams in NOTL, says program co-ordinator

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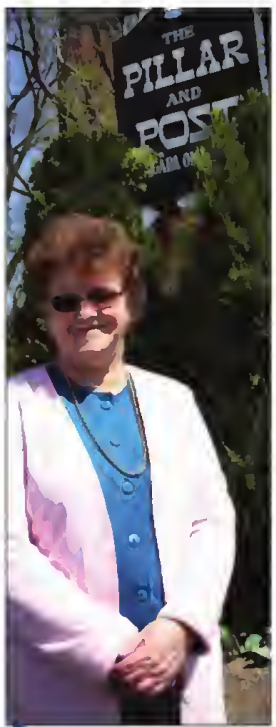



Sheila Peters is looking for members to join her Big Bike ride for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"They have been great supporters over the years, and we really appreciate their involvement."

Balance Fitness Studio, the Meridian Credit Union and Stone Road Dental provide the remaining teams in NOTL.

Most of the Niagara region teams are businesses or organizations, says Belanger, but some are individuals who sign on, motivated because they're survivors of heart disease or, like Peters, they have somebody in their family who is a survivor.

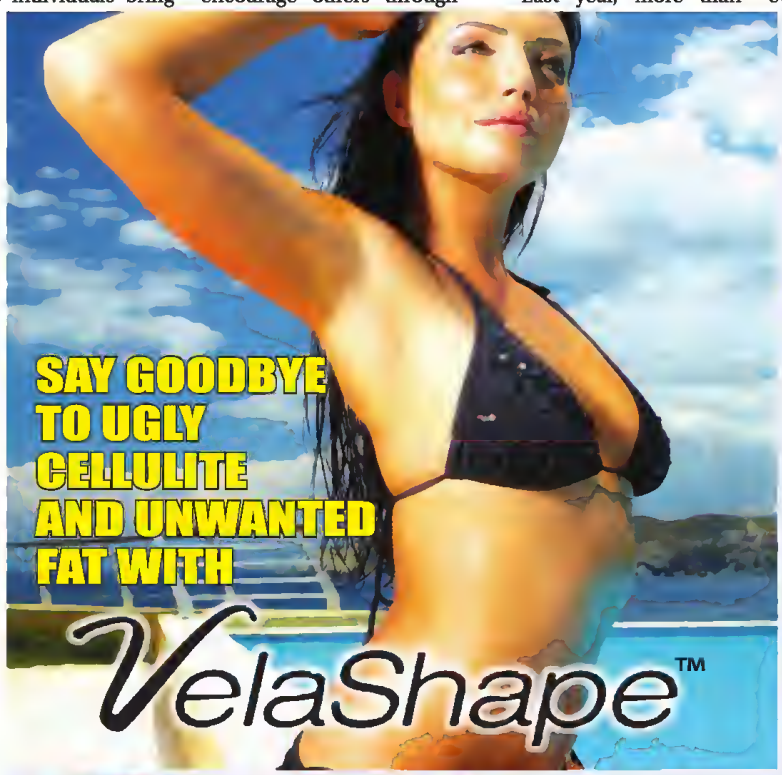
"These individuals bring on family or friends, sometimes whole neighbourhoods."

And like Peters, they encourage others through their own passion and enthusiasm, says Belanger. "Her efforts are so much appreciated."

Last year, more than 40,000 riders in 200 communities, helped raise more than $7 million for research.

The goal for the NOTL event is $12,000.

For more information, to join Peters and ride the Big Bike in NOTL or to donate visit www.bigbike.ca or call 905-938-8800.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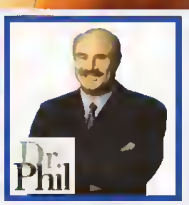


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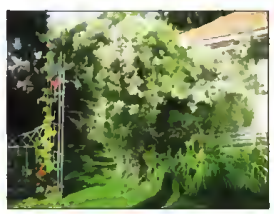
After you clean up the surrounding areas and have given a dressing of fertilizer do not forget the slug and snail bait, and check for unwanted plants. I made a mistake last year—a new leafy spreading plant grew near the bird bath and I thought it quite nice and left it alone - big mistake.

One I regret planting is lemon balm - it seeds all over the place. Now it has to be taken out of several areas.

Remember to leave the foliage of the daffodils for six weeks before cutting them down. Prune and cut back shrubs that have grown too large and clear out underneath them.

Now is a good time to start staking the peonies, etc. in the harbacious border when they are up about one third their ultimate size. Clean off the dead leaves on the clematis - I use a broom, and cut back to strong healthy growth. You can even try taking some cuttings—be patient, give them time to get strong.



This clematis was a cutting from a friend, slow to establish and bloomed sparingly for four years - now it has taken over this arch and has a wonderful perfume so I am glad I was patient.

Now is a good time to plant some pansies, they always cheer me up. Perennials too can be planted now. Add some compost or fertilizer as you plant—they need help in getting over the shock of replanting. The soil is very dry just now so water them well.

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# French, Spanish conversations spin-off of Ulyssean meetings

Interest in travel, desire to desire to hold on to language motivates members of Ulyssean Society to form conversation classes.

**Gail Nagley and Jack Challis**
Ulyssean Society

Sometime in the 1980s, Niagara-on-the-Lake residents Betty Couillard and Helen Manderich got together to discuss the possibility of forming a Spanish language class sponsored by the Ulyssean Society, to which they both belonged.

Couillard and her husband Jack spent most of their winters in Mexico and Manderich had lived in Latin America during her career with World Bank. Their mutual interests led them to Martha Cisneros and her husband Genaro, a native of Ecuador.

The Cisneros agreed to run a weekly class for those who wished to brush up on their Spanish and not lose what they had learned in the past, living in South America, through traveling or from language school.

Originally the group met in a variety of locations but eventually found a more permanent home in the Wooll Room of the NOTL Hospital. The group grew and recruited another facilitator, Liz Uquizo, a NOTL neighbour originally from Peru.

These teachers took turns and the class flourished. Music, lyrics, poetry, literature, film critiques are all discussed, along with the usual complaints about the weather and taxes. Travel plans and reports are always popular.

Once or twice a year the group holds a luncheon for the teachers. There are about 24 'students' including a few ex-patriots from South America who want to hang on to their language.

In time a French Conversation group evolved as well, since a retired French teacher from Brock University was in the Spanish class and volunteered.

> **"French classes are extremely lively with no subject too provocative for discussion. New members must have working knowledge of the language and the ability to interrupt."**
> — *Ulyssean Society*

This group also began meeting in homes and other locations. Under the Ulyssean Society sponsorship this group was able to move into the small board room in the Virgil Arena where it continues to this day.

The first members were primarily people who wanted to brush up on high school French because of impending travels or a relative living in Paris.

This extremely fluid situation settled and the group developed a solid core of native French speakers plus those working on improving their ability to understand and speak the language.

A few years ago the French teacher retired from the group for health reasons. As more than half the group were Francophone there was no need to find a replacement.

They are extremely lively with no subject too provocative for discussion, although food, wine and opera head the list. Due to the level of linguistic skills, the hour and a half of chatter and discussion reflects more a conversation among friends than a language class.

Both conversation groups welcome new members who are invited to try them out to see if they can keep up. They must have a working knowledge of the language and the ability to interrupt.

For more information please contact Gail Nagley at 905-468-5751.

These are but two of the activities and benefits of the Ulyssean Society.

Consider coming out to the next meeting of the Ulyssean Society on April 28 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Simcoe Apartments, 200 Davy Street, adjoining the soccer fields and Upper Canada Lodge—on-street parking please, since the small apartment lot is for residents only.

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# NDSS boys make All Star

Hockey players picked for all-star team close season on positive note.

**Matt Day**
Niagara Advance

Although the high school hockey season is long over, some of the league's selected best hit the ice one last time Friday.

The Zone 3 and Zone 4 All Stars faced off against each other, with Zone 3, which includes Niagara District Secondary School, earning the 4-1 win after their dominant offensive performance.

The game, held in the Fort Erie Leisureplex, was a chance for players to showcase their talents and skills one more time in front of family, friends and fans says organizer Dave Kamatovic, who teaches at NDSS.

"It's a little more intense compared to your typical all star game because being in high school, these guys want to compete," he said.

This is the second year in a row for the DSBN game, the first being in St. Catharines.

Kamatovic was given a list of each school's best players as selected by their coaches, which then were divided into zones. This year, three students from NDSS were chosen to play: Grade 12 student Owen Bjorgan and Grade 10 students Billy Saxton and Connor Craig.

The Zone 3 team jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead on goals from students from Ridgeway and Fort Erie. The Zone 4 team cut the lead to one after a trickling puck found its way to the back of the net on a shot from Simcoe's Derek Miller.

That's as close as the game would get as the Zone 3 All Stars put it away on goals from students from E.L. Crossley and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School.

The game was meant to be a fun, memorable way to close out high school careers for the seniors.

This was the last year of playing hockey for Bjorgan, who said he only played organized hockey in high school leagues.

"I felt very fortunate and honoured -- not to mention excited -- to be able to play against some of Niagara's best players."

Bjorgan said he liked finishing off the season on a positive note after the team finished near the bottom of their league's standings.

"The bottom line is we all had fun, made it to every game and played our hearts out."

He said he found it ironic that NDSS helped organize the event that brought DSBN schools together, even though it is the school's last year staying open.

"It was a monumental way to end my hockey career, and I believe having three players selected to play on the team from our school is monumental for Trojans' hockey."

The town of Fort Erie donated the ice time for the students to be able to play.

Billy Saxton of NDSS reaches for the puck in the DSBN all-star game that wrapped up the high school hockey season.

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The five are among 16 in the course, a rare occurrence according to Jay Neill, who manages the coaching portfolio at the OTA headquarters in Toronto

"It's uncommon enough to find mature adult players taking this demanding course, but five from one community club is almost unheard of. It's very impressive and great for tennis. We're delighted they've chosen to become involved in coaching."

The program involved three days of classes and court work with three more to come this weekend.

In addition, many hours of home study have been involved to prepare for the testing portion of the program.

The five are now in a position to become fully accredited and able to help introduce newcomers to their sport, says Rosemary Goodwin of the NOTL Tennis Club.

"With a vibrant Junior Program set to start in the first week of May, the new instructors will find lots of opportunity to hone their skills," says Goodwin.

Leaders of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club will be at the tennis pavilion beside the courts in Memorial Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 24 and Saturday, May 1, to receive membership registrations and answer questions about tennis in NOTL.

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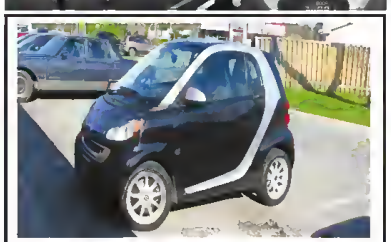

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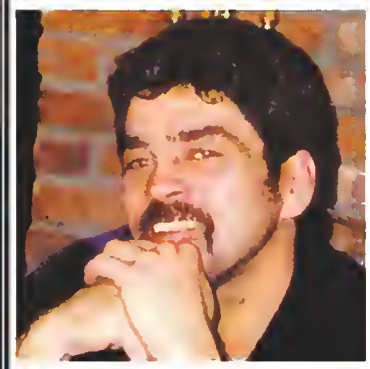

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## Deaths

**GREAVES, Miriam Ann (nee Jolley)** - Suddenly after a short illness on Thursday April 15, 2010 at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital in her 84th year. Beloved wife of the late Frederick (1977). Dear mother of Frederick (Wally) Greaves and Helen (Kathleen) Greaves. Sister of the late Eunice Kennerley, Robert (Diane) Jolley and Harry (Betty) Jolley. Miriam is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews from both the Greaves and Jolley families. Miriam's family received friends at **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME** 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Sunday April 18th from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. A service to celebrate her life was held at the funeral home on Monday April 19th at 2 o'clock. Interment followed at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. For those who wish in lieu of flowers donations may be made to Grace United Church or the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital Foundation. Online guest register www.morganfuneral.com

*A Memorial Donation has been made to*
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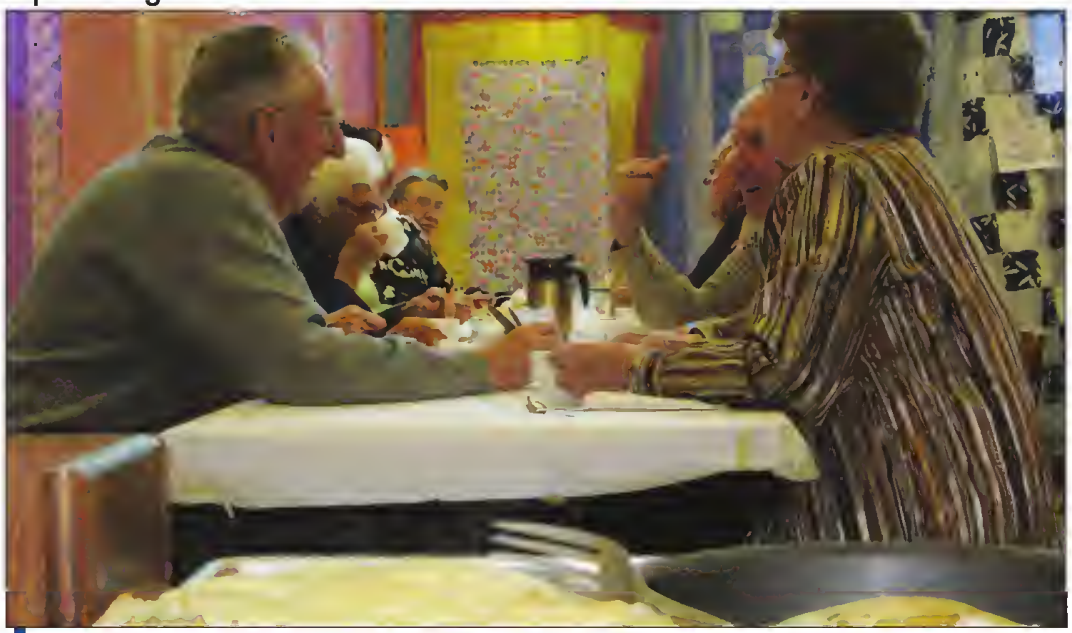

Hielke DeJong and Katy Ewert enjoy the Bethany Mennonite Church Crepe Supper held Saturday to raise funds for the church's quilting group, which makes blankets for Mennonite Central Committee relief work in countries like Haiti and Afghanistan.


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**Niagara Christian Assembly**
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NIAGARA DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
Sunday April 25th, 10:30 a.m.
Theme for April: "*The Gifts Of The Spirit*"
Pastor Dave Tunikaitis Ministering
www.ncachurch.net: check here for events and podcasts.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**
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10:00 am Worship Service
Pastor Larry Ritter

**BETHANY MENNONITE CHURCH**
East/West Line & 4 Mile Creek Road
• 9:30 am Traditional Service • 10:45 am Sunday School
11 00 am Celebration Service
Pastoral Team Randy & Renate Klaassen, Marty Misener
905-468-3505 www.vaxxine.com/bethany/

**VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH**
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Meeting at St. Davids Presbyterian
York Road, St. Davids 905-468-2634
Sunday, April 25th • 11:00 a.m.
Pastor Herman - "Call For Action"
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www.ccchurch.ca
1570 Niagara Stone Rd.
905-468-7155
Sunday, April 25th
9:30 am: 1st Service *(nursery care provided entire service)*
10:30am: Coffee Time • 11:00am: 2nd Service
*(nursery care provided mid-way through service)*
Message by: Kevin Bayne
Ed Heinrichs, Pastor

**Niagara United Mennonite Church**
"Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community"
Sunday, April 25th
10:00 am German Service
*Message by: Joachim Dau*
11:00 am Worship Service
*Message by: John Tiessen*
"I will remember my Creator"
*(Eccl. 11:7 - 12:8)*
Pastors:
Rudy & Sharon Dirks,
Stephen Cox
1775 Niagara Stone Road
905-468-3313
http://www.redbrickchurch.ca

**Orchard Park** BIBLE CHURCH
434 Hunter Rd. 905-468-5731
www.orchardparkbiblechurch.org
Sunday, April 25th
9:30 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am
*Message by Pastor Jim Evans*
*"Freedom In Christ - Liberated and United!"*
*Nursery and Kidzone for ages 3 to SK during the service*

**St. Davids - Queenston UNITED CHURCH**
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Rev. Paul James
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*Pastor Rick Mills*
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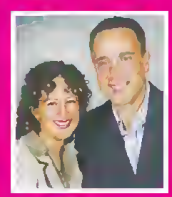

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